

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONFIGURING A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE COMPUTER SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system for initializing and distributing information cards that contain information for configuring a computer system. The information card contains configuration information relating to the configuration of a user's computer. A card generating computer system generates the information cards with user-specific configuration information. The card generating computer system receives a request for an information card from a user of the computer and directs the execution of a transfer program at the user's computer. That transfer program collects configuration information from the user's computer and sends the collected configuration information back to the card generating computer system. The card generating computer system then stores the received configuration information on the information card. The information card is then sent to the user. The user can use the information card at a publicly accessible computer system to configure that computer system in a similar way to which the user's computer system is configured.